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1. The Duclos Caserne (formerly the Masaryk Caserne) is situated on the southwest edge of the city of Opava directly opposite the yards of the Opava-West railroad station. The caserne area is about 450 by 250 meters in size and has streets on all sides. It is surrounded by a low stone wall with a fence of trellis-work, about three meters high in all.
2. The following military units of the 8th Division¹ of the Czech Army are quartered in the caserne:
 - a. An artillery battery with about 12 guns of 76 mm. and smaller caliber; living quarters are in building No. 7 on the sketch and the guns are kept in building No. 15 on the sketch.
 - b. An infantry battalion with about 500 men, most of whom live in building No. 9 on the sketch.
 - c. A medium mortar battery with about 60 men and six Soviet 120 mm. mortars which are transported on carriages with rubber tires and towed by light trucks; each mortar is manned by a crew of one NCO and five men.
3. The staff of the 8th Division¹ is located in a large building on the west side of Panska ulica, in the center of town. This is a large, three-story (zweistoeckig) building about 80 meters long, with a black slate roof. Until November 1950, the division staff was located in Novy Jicin, when it was moved to Opava.

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1. Comment. Opava has previously been reported as headquarters of the 7 Rifle Division.

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Legend to sketch of Duclos Caserne, Opava.

1. Railroad overpass over the highway to Olomouc.
2. Main entrance to the Duclos Caserne.
3. Auxiliary entrance.
4. Main courtyard, paved, surrounded by trees.
5. Offices and administration rooms; about 40 by 15 meters in size; one story, white plaster, with a black slate roof.
6. Dispensary and barracks; building about 40 by 15 meters in size; one story, white plaster, with a black slate roof.
7. Barracks, 50 by 15 meters in size; one story, white plaster, with a black slate roof. Separate mess hall and assembly room; houses 120 to 150 men.
8. Identical with No. 7.
9. Barracks, 60 by 15 meters in size; one story, white plaster, with a black slate roof.
10. Quarters for unmarried officers; one story, with a black slate roof; 35 by 12 meters in size.
11. Gymnasium, wooden construction, flat roof; 40 by 20 meters in size.
12. Kitchen and maintenance building; 40 by 18 meters in size; partly one-story, partly higher.
13. Warehouse, workshops and emergency living quarters in case extra personnel are assigned to the caserne.
14. Garage and repair shop for vehicles and weapons; 50 by 12 meters in size; flat roof. Provided with sliding doors.
15. Garage for guns, mortars and machine guns; 70 by 15 meters in size; flat roof. Provided with sliding doors.
16. Garage for trucks; 70 by 15 meters in size; flat roof. Provided with sliding doors.
17. Olomoucka ulica.

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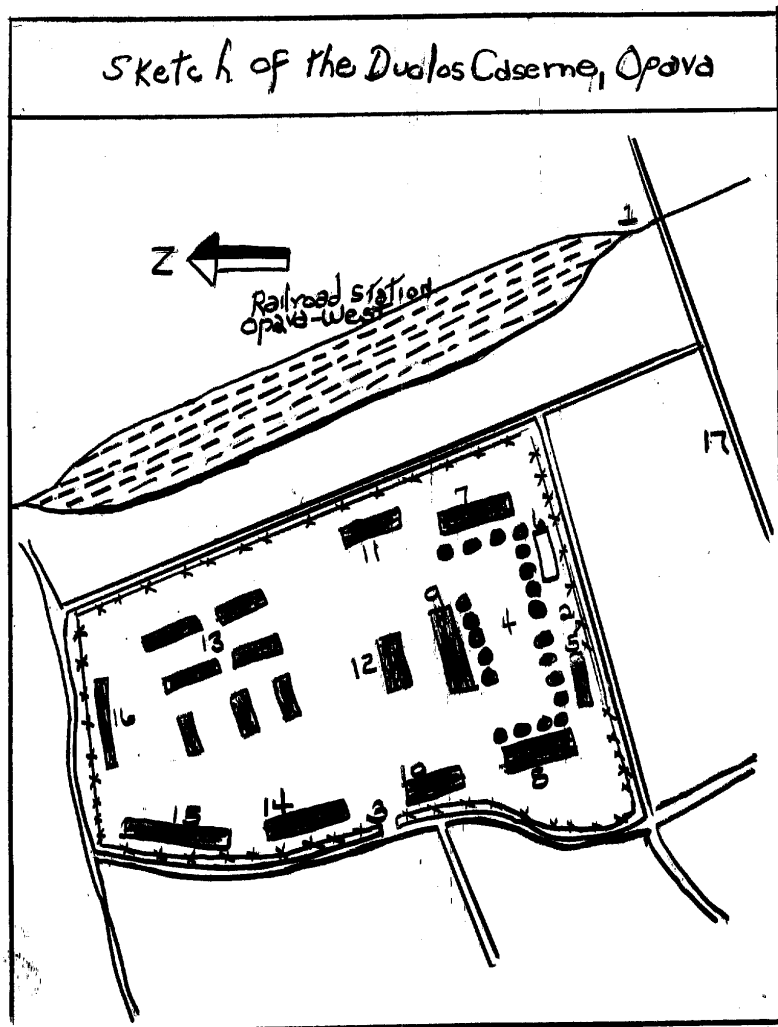
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